

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1557**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Holden  
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An act to amend Section 71000 of the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1557, as introduced, Holden. Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges: student member.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. The board of governors consists of 16 voting members, which include one voting student member and one nonvoting student member.

This bill would add to the board of governors one voting student member who is a member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States. The bill would also add one voting member who is a member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has demonstrated expertise and leadership in the field of veterans' affairs.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 71000 of the Education Code is amended to read:

71000. There is in the state government a Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, consisting of ~~16~~ 18 voting members and one nonvoting member, as follows:

(a) Twelve members, each appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of two-thirds of the membership of the Senate to six-year staggered terms. Two of these members shall be current or former elected members of local community college district governing boards.

(b) (1) (A) (i) One voting student ~~member~~, *member* and one nonvoting student member, who exercise their duties in accordance with the procedure set forth in paragraph (3).

(ii) *One voting student member who is a member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 66025.8. For a voting student member appointed pursuant to this clause, all of the following apply:*

(I) *For the purposes of subclauses (II), (III), and (IV), a "member" means a voting student member appointed pursuant to this clause.*

(II) *A member may exercise the same privileges of a voting student member serving a second year term appointed pursuant to clause (i).*

(III) *If a member resigns or the office is otherwise vacant, a voting student member who is a member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 66025.8, and who meets the requirements of subparagraph (B) shall be appointed by the Governor pursuant to subparagraph (C).*

(IV) *A member is exempt from paragraphs (2) and (4), and exempt from paragraph (3), except as provided by subclause (II).*

(B) A student member shall be enrolled in a community college with a minimum of five semester units, or its equivalent, at the time of the appointment and throughout the period of his or her term, or until a replacement has been named. A student member shall be enrolled in a community college at least one semester before his or her appointment, and shall meet and maintain the

1 minimum standards of scholarship prescribed for community  
2 college students.

3 (C) Each student member shall be appointed by the Governor  
4 from a list of names of at least three eligible persons submitted to  
5 the Governor by the student organization recognized by the board  
6 of governors.

7 (2) The term of office of one student member of the board shall  
8 commence on July 1 of an even-numbered year, and expire on  
9 June 30 two years thereafter. The term of office of the other student  
10 member of the board shall commence on July 1 of an  
11 odd-numbered year, and expire on June 30 two years thereafter.  
12 Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a student member who graduates  
13 from his or her college on or after January 1 of the second year of  
14 his or her term of office may serve the remainder of the term.

15 (3) During the first year of a student member's term, a student  
16 member shall be a member of the board and may attend all  
17 meetings of the board and its committees. At these meetings, a  
18 student member may fully participate in discussion and debate,  
19 but shall not vote. During the second year of a student member's  
20 term, a student member may exercise the same right to attend  
21 meetings of the board, and its committees, and shall have the same  
22 right to vote as the members appointed pursuant to subdivisions  
23 (a) and (c).

24 (4) Notwithstanding paragraph (3), if a student member resigns  
25 from office or a vacancy is otherwise created in that office during  
26 the second year of a student member's term, the remaining student  
27 member shall immediately assume the office created by the vacancy  
28 and all of the participation privileges of the second-year student  
29 member, including the right to vote, for the remainder of that term  
30 of office.

31 (c) Two voting tenured faculty members from a community  
32 college, who shall be appointed by the Governor for two-year  
33 terms. The Governor shall appoint each faculty member from a  
34 list of names of at least three eligible persons furnished by the  
35 Academic Senate of the California Community Colleges. Each  
36 seat designated as a tenured faculty member seat shall be filled by  
37 a tenured faculty member from a community college pursuant to  
38 this section and Section 71003.

39 (d) One voting classified employee, who shall be appointed by  
40 the Governor for a two-year term. The Governor shall appoint the

1 classified employee member from a list of at least three eligible  
2 persons furnished by the exclusive representatives of classified  
3 employees of the California Community Colleges.

4 *(e) One voting member who is a member or former member of*  
5 *the Armed Forces of the United States, as defined in subdivision*  
6 *(e) of Section 66025.8, who has demonstrated expertise and*  
7 *leadership in the field of veterans' affairs.*

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